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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREANS

REF: (A) USUN 1585 (NOTAL)

(B) KINSHASA 3978 (NOTAL)

1. NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS HAVE APPROACHED U.S. DIPLOMATS
AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS TWICE IN PAST WEEK. IN BOTH
INSTANCES, NORTH KOREANS SOUGHT TO DRAW U.S. OFFICERS IN-
TO SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATION, ASKED ABOUT U.S. PLANS IN
ROK IN POST-VIET NAM PERIOD AND URGED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S.
FORCES FROM KOREA. NORTH KOREANS APPEAR TO BE OPERATING
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ON INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ADDITIONAL

NORTH KOREAN APPROACHES TO U.S. DIPLOMATS ABROAD ARE
LIKELY.

2. WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE NORTH KOREA OR OTHERS ANY FALSE
SIGNALS. ANY U.S. OFFICIAL APPROACHED BY NORTH KOREANS
SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL NOT TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTAN-
TIVE CONVERSATIONS AND TO REPORT ALL SUCH APPROACHES.

3. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREAN
OFFICIALS IS PROVIDED FOR POST'S INFORMATION. QUOTE...

IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA AND THE OUTSPOKENLY
HOSTILE ATTITUDE OF NORTH KOREA TOWARD THE UNITED STATES,
AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO AVOID CONTACT WITH
NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD. ACCORDINGLY, NORTH
KOREAN OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT BE INVITED TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS
HOSTED BY U.S. OFFICIALS NOR SHOULD U.S. OFFICIALS ATTEND
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HOSTED BY NORTH KOREANS OR GIVEN IN
THEIR HONOR. ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NORTH KOREANS
SHOULD BE NEITHER ACKNOWLEDGED NOR ANSWERED. IT IS
RECOGNIZED THAT U.S. OFFICIALS MAY OCCASIONALLY BE
PRESENT AT THIRD PARTY FUNCTIONS AT WHICH NORTH KOREANS
ARE ALSO PRESENT. IF THIS OCCURS, U.S. OFFICIALS SHOULD
AVOID CONTACT BEYOND MINIMUM NECESSARY COURTESIES.
SHOULD NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS INITIATE A SUBSTANTIVE
CONTACT OR DISCUSSION, CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE REPORTED
TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH INFORMATION COPIES TO EMBASSY
SEOUL...UNQUOTE

4. POSTS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT IN APRIL 10 ADDRESS
TO CONGRESS PRESIDENT FORD SAID "OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE
IS OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA."
IN ADDITION, IN MAY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE THE SECRETARY
SAID, "THIS COMMITMENT IS ONE THAT IS EMBODIED IN A
TREATY WHICH HAS BEEN RATIFIED; AND, THEREFORE, THERE
IS NO AMBIGUITY ABOUT WHAT OUR COMMITMENT IS." SECRETARY
ALSO SAID IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR NORTH KOREA TO
QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF OUR COMMITMENT. KISSINGER

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